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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSE BY KEVIN P. DOBSON.) FINDINGS OF FACT,) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND) RECOMMENDED ORDER)) CAUSE NO. A-1383))
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This matter came on for hearing on September 29, 1999 before Eric Dunning, a hearing officer duly appointed by the Director of the Nebraska Department of Insurance. The matter arises out of a denial of an application for an insurance agent's license. The Nebraska Department of Insurance ("Department") was represented by its attorney, Linda Sanchez-Masi, and Kevin P. Dobson ("Applicant") was present and not represented by counsel. The proceedings were tape recorded by Stacey Bellefeuille, a licensed Notary Public. Gerald P. Dobson, Applicant's father, testified on behalf of Applicant. The Department also introduced evidence; the record was left open for one week after conclusion of the hearing for inclusion of information from Applicant about the nature and extenuating circumstances surrounding his conviction. Thereafter the matter was taken under advisement. The hearing officer hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Department is the agency of the State of Nebraska charged with licensing insurance agents and brokers.
- 2. On June 17, 1999, Applicant applied for a resident insurance agent license. Applicant's address as listed on the application is 6108 Hamilton Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68132.

5. Applicant was convicted of conspiracy to distribute cocaine in violation of 18 U.S.C. 846 and 841 (a) (1), a federal crime, and was sentenced on March 26, 1991 to thirty months incarceration and four years supervised release to follow. As evidenced by Exhibit 6 in the record, the sentencing judge found that Applicant provided extraordinary assistance to the government. The sentencing judge also stated that without such assistance, the defendant would have been sentenced at the upper end of the federal sentencing guideline range.

- 6. Applicant successfully completed his period of supervised release, and his supervised release was terminated August 19, 1997.
 - 7. Applicant completed a nine-week training program at Goodwill Industries.
- 8. Applicant is currently employed by Sitel Telemarketing, and if a license is granted, would sell group property and casualty products for that company.
- 9. Although the record was kept open for one week after the conclusion of the hearing for the submission of such evidence, Applicant submitted no evidence other than his own testimony, Exhibit 6, and the testimony of his father, regarding the cooperation given by him to the government or his conduct since his conviction. The record contains no statements from federal agents, local law enforcement officers, or similar persons, with the exception of his own testimony and the

testimony of his father, setting forth the nature of Applicant's cooperation at the time of his plea agreement. The record contains no statement from probation officers, employers, or similar persons, with the exception of his own testimony and the testimony of his father, setting forth the extent to which Applicant has successfully managed to conduct himself in a manner which would safeguard the interests of Nebraska insureds.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Department has broad jurisdiction, control and discretion over the licensing of insurance agents and brokers to sell insurance in the State of Nebraska pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat. §44-101.01 and §44-4001 et seq.
 - 2. The Department has personal jurisdiction over Applicant.
- 3. The conviction does constitute sufficient basis for denying a license pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat. §44-4026(4).

RECOMMENDED ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Officer recommends to the Director of Insurance that the Director deny Applicant's request for licensing as an insurance agent.

Dated this /4 day of October 1999.

STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Eric Dunning Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I have reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order and hereby certify that the Recommended Order is adopted as the official and final Order of

this Department in the matter of the Application For An Insurance Agent's License by Kevin P. Dobson, Cause No. A-1383.

Dated this 4th day of October 1999.

STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

L. Tim Wagner Director of Insurance

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Recommended Order, and Order was served upon the Applicant by mailing a copy to Applicant at 6108 Hamilton Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68132, by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this Hamilton October, 1999.

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